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Dr. Jerome Wiesner
President's Scientific Advisory Council
The White House
Washington, D.C.

Dear Doctor Wiesner:

Thank you for your invitation to serve as a consultant to your Committee. As I have discussed with Dr. Harderiger, I would be delighted to offer whatever services I can within the limitations of my other responsibilities. At the moment, these would limit the extent to which I could usefully commute from Stanford to Washington. However, the telephone may help make up for this.

Yours sincerely,

Joshua Lederberg
Professor of Genetics

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P.S. Thank you also for your reply to my letter on the exploitation of byproducts of military research. I certainly will remember your invitation to call on you in Washington. I did not have an elaborate program in mind, so much as a directive that contributions to civil economy were a legitimate though subsidiary concern of military development work.